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TO *A* [REDACTED]
FROM *A* [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: Request for Medical Office Investigation
Into New Compound

DATE: 7 January 1953

1. During the writer's recent trip to [REDACTED] the writer met and engaged in a lengthy discussion with [REDACTED] a ranking staff member of the [REDACTED] in the Department of Anesthesiology. [REDACTED] who is regarded as exceptionally able by his associates, informed the writer that in the recent past he has handled, experimentally, a new compound for the [REDACTED] *C*
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2. [REDACTED] stated that the [REDACTED] was working on experimental compounds to either displace or improve on the already well-known barbiturates. He stated that they had sent him a compound and requested that he try this during operative procedure. [REDACTED] stated he gave it to a very conservative member of the [REDACTED] faculty during a minor throat operation and that the drug worked successfully for operative purposes. He stated, however, that during the recovery period, this compound produced very uninhibited reactions on the part of the subject. He stated that for forty-eight hours after the use of the drug, this conservative member of the faculty had talked at great length and in a highly derogatory manner about the faculty, about the administration of the school, about certain professional secrets at the [REDACTED] had cursed, had wandered about the corridors and had strong tendencies to attack the nurses at the [REDACTED] *C*
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3. The writer asked [REDACTED] if he had tried the compound on other patients and he stated that he had done this, thinking perhaps an eccentricity existed in the above case, but the compound reacted the same on the other two cases and, thereafter, [REDACTED] had abandoned all use of this chemical. *C*

4. Thereafter, the writer, without attempting to create any unusual interest, requested the name of the chemical from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] stated that it was known as SPIRO-OXY-BARBITURATE. *C*

A 5. A few days ago, the writer had an informal conference with [REDACTED] of the Medical Staff concerning other matters and, at this conference, the writer told the above story to [REDACTED] and gave him the name of the compound in question and made an informal request at that time that [REDACTED] have this compound checked to determine whether or not it had ARTICHOKE value. *A*

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[REDACTED]

6. It is suggested that you turn over a copy of this memorandum with your approval to the Chief of the Medical Staff merely for the purpose of confirming in writing the informal request made of [REDACTED] as mentioned above.

A [REDACTED]

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

1/12/53

(Date)

TO

Mr. [REDACTED]

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REMARKS:

Herewith is self-explanatory memo in the case of the new compound that I have informally requested [REDACTED] to research out. I think, however, that you could send a copy over to [REDACTED], OTS, for his information.

I will take the matter up with [REDACTED] orally when I get a chance to see him.

FROM:

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